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MICHIGAN SURVEY ABOUT ELECTRICITY COSTS WEEK OF MAY 21, 2007 QUESTIONNAIRE AND AGGREGATE REPORT

regard minut	and I'm calling from Marketing Resource Group, a nal public opinion research firm. Tonight/Today we're conducting a brief survey ding electricity costs and would like to have your opinions. It will take about 3 to 5 tes to complete. This is not a sales call and your answers will be kept entirely dential.
Α.	Are you the person who pays the electric bill in your household?
	YesGO TO B. NoASK A1
	A.1. May I speak to the person who pays the electric bill?
	YesGO BACK TO INTRODUCTION (A) NoTHANK & TERMINATE
В.	Are you or is any member of your household an elected public official, active in any political campaign this year, an employee of a news organization or an employee of a utility company?
	YesTERMINATE NoCONTINUE
1.	Are you aware that in Michigan, residential and business customers can now choose to purchase their electricity from someone other than their local utility, just like they can choose their telephone or cell phone supplier, or would you say you were not aware of that?
	Aware

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2. Do you currently purchase electricity from the local utility or from a competing supplier?

Local utility94	%
Competing supplier	%
Don't Know (Volunteered)	%
Refused (Volunteered)	

3. Do you think customers should continue to be allowed to choose to purchase electricity from competing suppliers, or should only the local utilities be allowed to sell electricity?

Continue competing	77%
Local utility only	8%
Don't Know (Volunteered)	14%
Refused (Volunteered)	1%

4. Would you support or oppose changes to current Michigan law to give residential customers more choice in electricity suppliers? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE ASK: Would you strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose) that?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	31%
Neither support/ oppose	6%
Somewhat oppose	3%
Strongly oppose	4%
Don't know	11%
Refused	*
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TOTAL SUPPORT	76%
TOTAL OPPOSE	7%

5. Michigan's public utility companies have proposed constructing new power plants. Do you think customers who choose not to purchase power from these public utility companies should be required to pay for their new power plants, or not?

Should Be Required To Pay	21%
Should Not Be Required To Pay	
Don't Know (Volunteered)	
Refused (Volunteered)	1%

6. Do you think encouraging competition among electricity suppliers, like what has been done in the telephone and airline industries, is a good or bad way to control energy costs?

Good	67%
Bad	
Neither Good nor Bad (Volunteered)	
Don't Know (Volunteered)	
Refused (Volunteered)	



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Now I'd like to read to you some pricing options and features made available by some electricity suppliers. After each one, please tell me if that option or feature is important or not important to you. (IF IMPORTANT, ASK: Is it very important to you?) (ROTATE STATEMENTS)

Don't

Not

Refused2%

<i>7</i> .	Important	Important	Important	Neither	Know	Refused	
/.	paying mo	re overall	emains the s	ame inroug	nout the	year even	if it means
	14%	25%	51%	2%	7%	1%	
0	TOTAL IMPO	ORTANT	***************************************	39%			
8.	Having the	e ability to ac	ctively contro	ol your energ	y costs, li	ke turning	off your air
	44%	r to save mor 39%	13%	1%	3%	1%	
	TOTAL IMPO	ORTANT	***********************	83%			
9.	Having a v	ariety of pric	ing options a	ivailable to s	uit your p	articular n	eeds
	41%	41%	11%	1%	5%	1%	
	TOTAL IMPO	ORTANT	*************************	82%			
10.	Having a t	otal bill that	is about the	same amou	nt every i	month thro	oughout the
	23%	31%	40%	1%	4%	1%	
	TOTAL IMPO	ORTANT		54%			
11.	building ne	u think shou w power plant?	ld pay for the ants, investor	e cost increas s who build	ses and over the plant	erruns asso or custome	ociated with ers who buy
	Investors	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		74%			
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			<i>)</i>				
	Refused (Volu	ınteered)	••••••	1%			
Finally	, just a few	questions for	r statistical pu	ırposes, and	we'll be tl	rrough.	
I.	From which	n utility com	oany do you	currently pu	rchase voi	ar electricit	v.
	(ROTATE:	Consumers I	Energy, DTE	Energy, Ame	erican Élec	ctric Power	(AEP), or
	do buy elec	tricity from a	different co	mpany)?			. ,,
	Consumers (C	P)	***************************************	38%			
	Other/None	of Above	••••••••••••••••••••••••	1% 15%			
	Don't Know		**************************				



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II. Thinking about all elections, including school, local and primary elections, how many of them have you voted in over the past few years—none of them, less than half of them, about half of them, most of them or all of them?

None of Them	6%
Less Than Half of Them	
About Half of Them	
Most of Them	79 <i>0</i> /.
Most of Them	400
All of Them	
Ref/DK (Volunteered)	4%

III. Thinking of the last few elections in which you voted, which answer best describes how you voted for state and local offices such as governor and senator?

(READ CHOICES 1 THROUGH 7)

Mostly Democratic	Ct : 1 D 150/
A Few More Democrats Than Republicans	Straight Democratic
A Few More Democrats Than Republicans	Mostly Democratic
About Equally For Both Parties	A Few More Democrats Than Republicans4%
A Few More Republicans Than Democrats	
Straight Republican	A Few More Republicans Than Democrats5%
Straight Republican	Mostly Republican
Other (Volunteered)	
Never Voted (Volunteered) 2% Ref/DK (Volunteered) 14%	Other (Volunteered)4%
Ref/DK (Volunteered)14%	
	Ref/DK (Volunteered)
PELIATIONAL DEMOCRATS 29%	,
DEFIAVIONAL DEMOCRATS27/6	BEHAVIORAL DEMOCRATS29%
TICKET SPLITTERS29%	TICKET SPLITTERS29%
BEHAVIORAL REPUBLICANS23%	

IV. In what year were you born?

1989 - 1983 (18 to 24)	*
1982 - 1978 (25 to 29)	3%
1977 - 1973 (30 to 34)	
1972 - 1968 (35 to 39)	
1967 - 1963 (40 to 44)	
1964 - 1958 (45 to 49)	
1957 - 1953 (50 to 54)	
1952 - 1948 (55 to 59)	
1947 - 1943 (60 to 64)	
1942 - 1933 (65 to 74)	
1932 or earlier (75+)	
Refused	

V. Are you a homeowner or do you rent?

Homeowner	87%
	9%
)4%



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VI. Do you have any children 17 years of age or younger living in your household? (IF YES ASK: How many children would that be?)

None	75%
1	9%
2-4	13%
5 or More	1%
Ref/DK (Volunteered)	4%

VII. In addition to being an American, what is your main racial or ethnic group?

Caucasian/White	79%
African American/Black	8%
Hispanic	1%
Asian	1%
Multiracial	2%
Other	4%
Refused	6%

VIII. What is your occupation? (ASK AS AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION AND RECORD ANSWER IN MARGIN. DO NOT READ CATEGORIES.)

White Collar—Upper, Business/Professional	9%
White Collar—Lower, Clerical/Sales	9%
Blue Collar—Upper, Skilled Trade/Foreman	3%
Blue Collar—Lower, Operative/Laborer	7%
Business Owner	5%
Governmental Employee	2%
Farmer/Rancher	*
Housewife/Homemaker	8%
Student	*
Unemployed/Laid Off	5%
Retired	47%
Other/Ref/DK (Volunteered)	7%

IX. Which of the following income groups include your TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME in 2006 before taxes? Just tell me the letter for the correct category. (READ A-G)

A.	Under 20,000 (19,999 and lower)	9%
В.	\$20,000 to 29,999	10%
C.	\$30,000 to 39,999	8%
D.	\$40,000 to 49,999	11%
E.	\$50,000 to 74,999	14%
F.	\$75,000 to 99,999	9%
G.	\$100,000 or more	7%
	Ref/DK (Volunteered)	33%



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That completes our interview. Thank you for sharing your opinions.

X. Gender (BY OBSERVATION: DO NOT ASK)

Male	48%
Female	52%

